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FAHOUM OF PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL

1. QATARI DAILY NEWSPAPER AL-ARAB CARRIED INTERVIEW KHALID
WITH AL-FAHOUM MAY 26. INTERVIEW CONSISTED MAINLY OF USUAL "BOILER
PLATE" BUT REPLY ON REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT ON
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ESTABLISHMENT OF HOMELAND FOR PALESTINIANS OF SOME INTEREST.
FAHOUM STATED THAT CARTER'S STATEMENT WAS POSITIVE STEP BUT NOT
SUFFICIENT. ACCORDING TO FAHOUM, CARTER SHOULD HAVE SPECIFIED
THAT PALESTINIAN HOMELAND WOULD BE IN PALESTINE SINCE PALESTINIANS'
REFUSE TO ACCEPT HOMELAND OUTSIDE OF PALESTINE, I.E; JORDAN, SYRIA
OR LEBANON. FAHOUM SAID US POSITION BETTER NOW THAN TWO YEARS
AGO BUT STILL BELOW LIMITS THAT PALESTINIANS CAN ACCEPT. ACCORDING

TO FAHOUM, PALESTINIANS HOPE US WILL REACH BALANCED POSITION IN RELATION TO MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT WHICH WOULD SERVE US INTEREST AND LEAD TO WORLD PEACE.

2. FAHOUM SAID IN REPLY TO LATER QUESTIONS THAT ALL PALESTINIAN LAND WHICH MIGHT BE LIBERATED WILL BE PART OF PALESTINE STATE ON CONDITION THAT THIS DOES NOT LEAD TO RECOGNITION OF OR RECONCILIATION WITH IRSRAEL . FAHOUM SAID HE COULD NEVER ACCEPT ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINE STATE IF RECOGNITION OR RECONCILIATION WAS PRESSED.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PROPOSED PALESTINE STATE, FAHOUM SAID ANY LAND LIBERATED FROM ISRAEL BELONGS TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE ENEMY SHOULD WITHDRAW IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC OPINION. FAHOUM SAID HE WOULD NOT ACUCEPT STATE OUTSIDE OF PALESTINE AND THAT PROPOSED STATE COULD NOT ACCOMMODATE ALL PALESTINIAN EXILES. ACCORDING TO FAHOUM, HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT SYSTEM OF MONE-TARY COMPENSATION FOR PALESTINIANS WHO DO NOT RETURN TO HOMELAND. THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO FAHOUM, NO INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEE COULD BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF NATURE OF GUARANTEE
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